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SUBJ: CUMHURIYET STORY ON NIMETZ VISIT

1. OCTOBER 13 LEFTIST CUMHURIYET REPORTED THAT COUNSELOR NIMETZ, "A LAWYER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOWN", ARRIVED SECRETLY IN ANKARA SEPTEMBER 13 ALONG WITH ANOTHER EXPERT NAMED VEST. NIMETZ AND VEST, " ASSISTANTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, CLARK CLIFFORD, ON HIS SPECIAL MISSION", MET WITH A TURKISH TEAM HEADED BY MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG, DURING WHICH THEY "HELD A VERY RIGID ATTITUDE" AND " EVEN MADE THREATS FROM TIME TO TIME." MEETINGS REPORTEDLY CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY PERIOD (SEKER BAYRAMI, SEPTEMBER 15-18), WHICH HAD BEEN " DELIBERATELY CHOSEN IN ORDER TO HIDE THE TALKS FROM TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION."

2. COUNSELOR NIMETZ WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE TOLD THE TURKS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT REPEAT NOT FORWARD THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) TO CONGRESS FOR RATIFICATION
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UNLESS THE TURKS GIVE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS, AND THAT IF ASSURANCES OF LAND CONCESSIONS ARE NOT GIVEN BEFORE CONGRESS GOES INTO ITS PRE-ELECTION RECESS, THE DCA CANNOT BE RATIFIED BEFORE 1979, A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD COMPEL THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A COMPLETE REVIEW OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT, AS A RESULT OF A SECRET MEETING

BETWEEN A TURKISH AMBASSADOR ABROAD AND A DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GREEK MFA IN MID-SEPTEMBER, THE GOT HAD CONCLUDED THAT TURKEY CANNOT HOLD ANY SERIOUS TALKS WITH GREECE BEFORE GREECE'S NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. IT VIEW OF THIS AND OF THE CYPRIOT ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY, AND ALSO BEARING IN MIND DIFFICUTLIES WITHIN ITS COALITION, THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO ADOPT AN APPEARANCE OF RIGIDITY.

4. CUMHURIYET FURTHER ASSERTED THAT PRIMIN DEMIREL AND FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE SOVIET FACTOR TO REDUCR AMERICA
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PRESSURE AND ARE TRYING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT TURKEY IS IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.
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